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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,10-12 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,6-9,13-17,19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bishop et al. (US 4,944,429).

Bishop discloses a fluid dispenser having a receptacle (14), with an opening, a retainer (20) having a platform (unlabeled, top of screw cap 20) with a connector opening for the nozzle (36) of the pump assembly (34) and opposing sidewalls (26). Bishop also discloses a cover (22) connected to the nozzle (36) for actuation of the pump means.

Bishop also discloses the cover having an open interior for the nozzle (Figure 1) and the cover having guide means (56) that compliment with guide means on the retainer (20) that secure the nozzle in a predetermined position and control movement of the cover relative to the retainer. The guide means (56) also interact with stop means (30) on the retainer to provide an uppermost inactive position, the biasing means of the pump (40) keeping the assembly biased in the uppermost inactive position.

3. Claims 10-12 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kneer (WO 99/16552)

Kneer discloses a fluid dispenser having a housing (16) with an inner receptacle (1) and a retainer assembly (generally 23) having a platform (22) with a connector opening (not labeled)

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and a pump assembly (6) engaged with the opening where the pump has a crown portion (21) secured to the connector opening and having a bore for the flow tube (both unlabeled). Kneer also discloses a pump head (unlabeled defining nozzle 13) fixed to a shaft connected to the flow tube. Kneer also discloses retention means (25a and 27a) for releasably securing the retainer to the housing.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2, 6-9, 13-17, 19 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Crasper (US 4,620,646), Ten Wolde (US 5,016,781), Farner (US 5,25,227), Sadow (US 6,092,694) and Chen (US 6,305,580).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick M Buechner whose telephone number is (703) 308-2602. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-5:00pm M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Mar can be reached on (703) 308-2087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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